

**Year 5/6**

**Pod 3**

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**2017**

**Term 4 Aims**

After what I would consider to be a successful year so far, in which many students have taken great steps forward, we have what will be a very busy Term 4 planned. My intention is for all students to keep working hard right till the end of the school year. I will continue to strive for the students in my care to continue to make progress in both school and life skills.

**One main aim is that I want them to:**

- Take responsibility for their own learning, become self-disciplined and work co-operatively with each other. Throughout the year most students have improved in this area but some have only made limited progress.

**Behaviour Expectations**

I believe that children learn best in a safe, caring, stimulating and non-threatening environment where there is mutual respect, co-operation, tolerance, positive emotional expression and conflict resolution. I am happy with the way the students are interacting with me so far but have concerns with their behaviour and overall attitude when the class is taken by other teachers. This is an area that needs to continue to be addressed in Term 4.

**Communication**

Effective communication between home and school is very important if successful learning is to occur. I value parent input and appreciate parent support. If you have any concerns or queries throughout the year please contact me in person or by phone.

All children in my class are expected to use a **diary** to record homework, results, reminders and messages.

**Homework**

A reminder that homework will be given Monday to Thursdays and should take no longer than 30 minutes. It is an expectation that homework will be done as it encourages independent learning, responsibility, prepares students for high school and enables students to share their work with family members. If a child is unable to complete homework, I would appreciate a note in the diary.

**Mathematics** In Maths we will be covering Patterns and Algebra, Problem Solving and some work in Chance and Data.

**English** All students completed the Premier's Reading Challenge which is fantastic as Reading is very important in all areas of English.

**Science** This term we are covering the Primary Connections unit called "Light Fantastic"

**Arbury Park Camp at Bridgewater (Mon 6/11-Wed 8/11).** The camp is in Week 4 and all students attending have paid their deposit and nearly all have paid the total cost (\$90). There are 2 weeks left to pay the remainder before the final pay date of Wed 1/11. More information will be coming home in the next two weeks but it is really important to get the Consent and Health forms and any Special Dietary needs back ASAP.

**Dates to remember**

**Tues 17/10 Year 6 Aquatics at West Lakes**

**Tues 24/10 Basketball Clinic at IFEPS**

**Fri 27/10: Pod 3 presenting the Assembly**

**Week 4 : Arbury Park Camp at Bridgewater Mon 6/11-Wed 8/11.**

**Week 5 : Mon 13/11- Fri 17/11 : Swimming week for the Year 5 students.**

**Week 7 : Fri 1/12 : Pupil Free Day**

**Tues 12/12 School Concert**

**Fri 15/12 End of Term**

Kind Regards,  
Jim Gladstone